

Sunday, July 30, 2023
1st Service



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Top 10 Biblical Villains...Cain

The Bible's first murderer, Cain, wasn't happy when God favored his brother's offering over his. Even after being rebuked by God, Cain let his jealousy take over, killed Abel, and then lied to God about it.

Prelude

#905, *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, And let Thy
righteousness
On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who
almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.**

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done**

and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE LSB 168

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C : Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 171

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Time

Genesis 4:1–12 [Sermon Text]

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 John 3:11–15

The message that you have heard from the beginning is to love each other. Don't be like Cain. He was a child of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did Cain murder his brother? Because the things Cain did were evil and the things his brother did had God's approval. Brothers and sisters, don't be surprised if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love other believers. The person who doesn't grow in love remains in death. Everyone who

hates another believer is a murderer, and you know that a murderer doesn't have eternal life.

L: This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 173

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#764 [Tune #878], *When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love*

- 1. When aimless violence takes those we love, When random death strikes childhood's promise down, When wrenching loss becomes our daily bread, We know, O God, You leave us not alone.**
- 2. When passing years rob sight and strength and mind, Yet fail to still a strongly beating heart, And grief becomes the fabric of our days, Dear Lord, You do not stand from us apart.**
- 3. Our faith may flicker low, and hope grow dim, Yet You, O God, are with us in our pain; You grieve with us and for us day by day, And with us, sharing sorrow, will remain.**
- 4. Because Your Son knew agony and loss, Felt desolation, grief and scorn and shame, We know You will be with us, come what may, Your loving presence near, always the same.**

5. Through long grief-darkened days help us, dear Lord, To trust Your grace for courage to endure, To rest our souls in Your supporting love, And find our hope within Your mercy sure.

The Sermon *Cain*

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith,

C: NICENE CREED

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

OFFERTORY LSB 176

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

Service of the Sacrament LSB 177

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

SANCTUS LSB 178

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORDS PRAYER

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always,

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

#618, I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see

Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb

wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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#433, Glory Be to Jesus

1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

**2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!**

**3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!**

**4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

**6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

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#818, In Thee Is Gladness

**1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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THANK THE LORD LSB 181

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He
recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God's Benediction

#917, Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

**1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of
praise;**

**Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.**

**2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall
end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.**

**3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness
into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are
both alike to Thee.**

**4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in
strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine
eternal peace.**

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Ministry Announcements

Postlude